## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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In Re:

HOLLISTER CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC,

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 19-27439 (MBK)

Hon. Michael B. Kaplan

BRIEF OF ALLGLASS SYSTEMS, LLC IN FURTHER OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION FILED BY NEWARK WAREHOUSE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC AND NEWARK WAREHOUSE REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC TO CONFIRM THE APPLICABILITY OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY TO CERTAIN PENDING CONSTRUCTION LIEN LITIGATIONS, AND IN RESPONSE TO THE "OMNIBUS REPLY" OF NEWARK WAREHOUSE URBAN RENEWAL, LLC AND NEWARK WAREHOUSE REDEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC

Non-party Allglass Systems, LLC ("Allglass") respectfully submits this brief in further opposition to the motion filed by Newark Warehouse Urban Renewal, LLC ("NWUR") and Newark Warehouse Redevelopment Company, LLC ("NWRC," and, together with NWUR, "Newark Warehouse") to confirm the applicability of the automatic stay to certain pending construction lien litigations [ECF No. 740] (the "Motion"), and in response to Newark Warehouse's "Omnibus Reply" to oppositions to the Motion filed by Allglass and others.

## **ARGUMENT**

The post-petition construction lien claims on the Newark Warehouse project are readily distinguishable from the construction lien claims at issue in the Third Circuit's <u>Linear Electric</u> decision (relied on by Newark Warehouse). Here, unlike the owner in the Linear Electric case,

Newark Warehouse previously sought and obtained relief from the automatic stay that allowed

Newark Warehouse's contract with the debtor to be terminated. See Order dated October 11, 2019

[ECF No. 303]. Newark Warehouse seeks to reap the benefit of its approved (post-petition)

contract termination without the corresponding responsibility of dealing with unpaid

subcontractors who undeniably provided labor and materials on this project and who are simply

asserting New Jersey construction liens on the property for the value of same. Allowing such a

one-sided result in favor of the owner's self-interest alone would be manifestly unfair and would

not serve to protect any interest of the debtor or of the bankruptcy estate.

**CONCLUSION** 

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should deny the Motion with respect to the New

Jersey construction lien claim of Allglass Systems, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,

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